IN THE CLAIMS

1-21.   (canceled)

22.   (currently amended) A personal assistant system, comprising:

a personal assistant;

an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;

an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;

a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant;

a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information; and

a voice to text module for translating said voice file into a text file; and

an information transmission device integral with said personal assistant; wherein the information transmission device is an alpha-numeric scanner.

23.   (canceled)

24.   (canceled)

25.   (canceled)

26.   (canceled)

27.   (canceled)

28.   (canceled)

29.   (currently amended) The system of claim 22, further comprising a connection to an external computer.

30.   (currently amended) A method of automatically associating information with an individual identified by an identifier, said method comprising:

storing said information in a personal assistant, wherein said personal assistant comprises an alpha-numeric scanner;

recording a voice file associated with said information;

~~reading~~ scanning an identifier using an alpha-numeric scanner and relating said identifier with said voice file;

translating said voice file into a text file; and

automatically associating the identifier with the information.

31.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of ~~reading~~ scanning an identifier is the act of scanning ~~scans~~ a ~~bar~~ first alpha-numeric code uniquely associated with the individual.

32.   (currently amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of providing a physician with a second ~~bar~~ alpha-numeric code associated with information.

33.   (currently amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of scanning the second ~~bar~~ alpha-numeric code.

34.   (currently amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of associating the information associated with the second ~~bar~~ alpha-numeric code with the ~~information~~ individual.

35.   (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of transferring the information to a computer.

36.   (canceled)

37.   (canceled)

38.   (currently amended) A software program for operating a personal assistant system, comprising:

a personal assistant;

an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;

an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;

a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant;

a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information; and

a voice to text module for translating said voice file into a text file; and

wherein said automated data collection module accepts data gathered by an alpha-numeric scanner integral with said personal assistant.

39.   (canceled)

40.   (previously presented) The software program of claim 38, wherein the electronic physician data module associates a patient record with a patient.

41.   (currently amended) The software program of claim 40, wherein said association occurs via data gathered by ~~an information transmission device~~ the alpha-numeric scanner.

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